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Raycom Inc. to telecast Ranger games

ARLINGTON – The Texas Rangers' new television carrier has reached an agreement with Raycom Inc. to distribute the telecasts to outlets throughout the Southwest, Raycom announced Friday.

Under the contract with LIN Television, Raycom will distribute all 150 Rangers games LIN has the right to telecast each season. It will also sell all national advertising on the telecast. No terms were announced.

Raycom, based in Charlotte, N.C., carried Southwest Conference football and basketball telecasts from 1984 through this year's breakup of the league.

It also serves as Liberty Sports' sales and distribution representative for telecasts of the college football games of the Pac-10 and Big 12 conferences. It also distributes telecasts of the Professional Bowlers Association.

On Oct. 10, LIN Television of Providence, R.I., signed a 5-year contract to telecast all non-national network Rangers games. In Dallas-Fort Worth, the games will be carried on LIN-owned KXAS-TV in Fort Worth, KXAS programming affiliate KXTX-TV in Dallas or any cable outlet as negotiated by the company.